

**ST. JOHNS**

Is second in number of industries. Is seventh in population. Cars to Portland every 20 min. Has navigable water on 3 sides. Has finest gas and electricity. Has two strong banks. Has five large school houses. Has abundance of purest water. Has hard surface streets. Has extensive sewerage system. Has fine, modern brick city hall. Has payroll of \$95,000 monthly. Ships monthly 2,000 cars freight. All railroads have access to it. Is gateway to Portland harbor. Climate ideal and healthful.

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Has seven churches. Has a most promising future. Distinctively a manufacturing city. Adjoins the city of Portland. Has nearly 6,000 population. Has a public library. Taxable property, \$4,500,000. Has large dry docks, saw mills. Woolen mills, iron works. Stove works, asbestos factory. Ship building plant. Vener and excelsior plant. Flour mill, planing mill. Box factory, and others. More industries coming. St. Johns is the place for YOU.

**Amicably Settled**

How wide is Willamette boulevard? A question that became more vexatious and propitious of more annoyance and unfriendly feeling than any other in St. Johns, has just been settled in an amicable and satisfactory manner. The property owners have finally, with almost one accord, decided to let the question forever be decided at eighty feet. The question has been "hanging fire" for about seven years. A friendly suit was instituted to decide its width, finally, and Judge McGinn placed it at eighty feet. There was talk of taking the matter into the supreme court and the city council was importuned to do so. It refused, and for a time indications were that the property owners, dissatisfied, would do so, but the time for appeal was allowed to elapse. Petitions have been circulated and generally signed asking council to improve the thoroughfare by hardsurfacing a thirty foot strip in the center and by laying cement sidewalks on each side. The city council recently by resolution changed the name of Fillmore street to Willamette boulevard, and in all probability this continuation of the boulevard will be hardsurfaced with the opening of spring. Proceedings are under way in Portland to hard surface Willamette boulevard to St. Johns city limits, and engineers have been busy for the past several weeks in making surveys. The chances are that within the coming year St. Johns will enjoy a hard surface boulevard from the north limits to the heart of business district of Portland, and also another hardsurfaced highway via Dawson street, as proceedings have been instituted to continue the hard surfacing where St. Johns left off. It is most gratifying to the people in general that the width of Willamette boulevard has finally been agreed upon, and that those most vitally interested are satisfied with the arrangement.

**Of Benefit to the State**

Certain measures believed to be of benefit to the state as a whole are favored by the Oregon Purebred Livestock Association, which will present them to the coming session of the Legislature. Among these is the Livestock Sanitary Bill, which has the approval of the Grange, the wool growers, dairy association and the Consumers League. The association also asks that \$50,000 out of the Panama Pacific Exposition appropriation be set aside for livestock premiums to go to Oregon exhibitors. An appropriation of \$10,000 is asked for purchasing livestock for the Oregon Experiment Station; this is to be a continuing appropriation. It is recommended that the premium fund for livestock at the State fair be raised and that an annual appropriation of \$3,000 be made for the annual dairy show at Portland. It is also thought best to do away with district fairs and establish a county fair in each county. It is recommended that no state fair be held in 1915, but that this state join with the Panama-Pacific Exposition to hold the biggest stock show at San Francisco ever known.

**Expert Opinion Wanted**

St. Johns, Oregon, Jan. 8.—To the Hon. P. C. Stroud, City Attorney. Dear Sir: Would you kindly give your official opinion on the following: Section 19 of the St. Johns city charter provides that all elective officers of the city shall be "free holders of St. Johns." Is a married woman, having all the other required qualifications except that the real estate owned by the family is in her husband's name eligible to an elective office under our charter. Yours truly, S. C. Cook.

She was a maiden lady in Denver, Col., and was registering for election. When her age was required she gave it as 25 years. The registering official hesitated a bit and then said: "Haven't you for the past three years given in your age as 25 years?" "To be sure I have," haughtily replied the maiden lady. "I want you to distinctly understand that I am not the kind that says one thing at one time and another thing at another time."

**Here January 15th**

Greatness lies in simplicity. Men in public life are just folks after all—indeed the greater the man the more approachable he is. Only the "near" great affect snobbishness. It was Thanksgiving Day in the year of our Lord, 1909. Hoch of Kansas was to lecture that evening in Corapolis, Pa., and he sure did talk some, and he can come back any time, but that's another story. The best part of his visit to the aforesaid burg happened before the lecture, however. The Governor landed about 3 p. m., and he landed in a hotel that dispenses an article that is tabooed out in Kansas, and the moment the odor of those "wet" goods came into the room Hoch fully realized that he was in the Keystone state.

Remember, it was Thanksgiving Day, and he was far from home in a strange land and it was the first anniversary of the Pilgrim Fathers that he had been away from his own fire-side. In the course of the afternoon Rev. D. Percy French, who is the head, body and tail of lycium work in Corapolis, dropped in to see if Hoch had arrived. He had and he was sad, and it was enough to make even governors sad. Thanksgiving Day! In Corapolis! In a hotel that was wet! And Hoch of Kansas! You couldn't expect him to be exhilaratingly exuberant, and he wasn't. He told the pitiful story to the preacher and the latter, full of sympathy and knowing from experience that these things were so, invited him to go along with him and take dinner at the home of one of his parishoners.

It was a humble home. No gold or silver plate, not even Haviland china, no kind servants, no style or luxury, but good, plain people, lots of grub and hearts as big and unaffected as you find anywhere. And this great man, for Hoch is great, pulled off his coat and his dignity and put on a smile that was worth while and said he just had a good time, and that night there were some folks in his audience that had a glimpse of real greatness, and there is one home in Corapolis that to this day boasts of having entertained a real, live governor, and they have a right to boast. The "Message from Kansas" is all to the good, but the "Man from Kansas" is a man, made in God's own image, and that image has not been very much marred. Prince Albert coats and immaculate dress are all right, but after all, it's what's under the coat that counts. The minister says he would like to preach in Kansas if the rest of the inhabitants have hearts as big as the one that he saw in 1909.

At the High School auditorium next Wednesday evening, Jan. 15.

**Charles Sargent Dead**

Charles Sargent of Clackamas passed away at The Dalles on January 1st, after a lingering illness. He had been under the physicians' care for some time, being treated for kidney and heart trouble, but pneumonia set in, from which he never rallied. Mr. Sargent was an old and well known resident of the community, and his loss is universally mourned. He was a brother of Mrs. Sargent Wilson of 901 Willamette boulevard of this city, to whom the bereavement came as a great blow, even though it was not unexpected. Mr. Sargent was born at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, in 1848, and had lived in the West ever since 1862. Besides his sister, he leaves to mourn him a widow, who is prostrated at the blow, two brothers, three daughters and two sons.

"O, call it not death, it is Life begun, For the battle is ended, the victory won; The ransomed spirit has reached the shore Where they sin and suffer and sorrow no more." xxx

Oregonians aboard the special Royal Rosarian train that invaded California the past week made many friends for this state in the South. Their route was marked by demonstrations of welcome that proved the high regard in which the Beaver State is held and which will mean that Oregon will have a very prominent place in the 1915 expositions both at San Francisco and San Diego.

**Council Proceedings**

All members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening with Mayor Muck presiding. The first matter to receive attention was a petition for an arc light at the corner of Lynn avenue and Tyler street. Referred to the water and light committee.

Quite a controversy arose over the application of transfer of liquor license from the name of James Mellon to M. M. Joyce, business place at the corner of Philadelphia and Ivanhoe streets. An attorney representing the creditors of Mr. Mellon interposed strenuous objections against the transfer on the ground that Mr. Mellon was really conducting the saloon for the benefit of his creditors, and that a transfer to Mr. Joyce would cut off the creditors from realizing anything on the indebtedness. An attorney also represented Mr. Mellon, and the two attorneys had an interesting exchange of opinions for a while. The mayor and attorney finally gave them to understand that the city council of St. Johns was fully capable of conducting its own affairs, and that while "the power of attorney" might have been popular in Portland in the liquor business, it had no standing in St. Johns, and that if there were any grievances to be settled between the two parties the courts were open for that purpose. The matter of transfer was turned over to the liquor license committee, which asked for a week's time in making a recommendation.

Petitions for the improvement of Willamette boulevard from the south city limits to Richmond street and as much farther north as the council deems advisable were presented. They called for cement sidewalk on both sides and a hard surface strip of thirty feet in the roadway. The petitions were pretty generally signed, and as there is no remonstrance against the proposed improvement, a resolution will doubtlessly be adopted next week directing the engineer to prepare the necessary data for such improvement.

Chas. J. Anderson made his usual complaint against his apportionment of cost of the Fillmore street sewer, which he declared of no benefit whatever to his property. Mr. Anderson also took occasion to pay his respects to council in no complimentary manner. On motion his remonstrance was rejected and he was given to understand that if he did not like this action he could seek the courts.

Miss Myrtle Brodahl tendered her resignation as assistant recorder, having secured a position in the county clerk's office in Portland. In an endeavor to induce her to remain in her present position, an increase of ten per month in salary was decided upon, making the salary \$60 per month, instead of \$50.

A claim of the city physician for \$3 for services in a destitute case was not allowed, on the ground that the salary of that official was presumed to cover such services.

The improvement of Dawson street from Columbia boulevard southward to the city limits was accepted.

The mayor recommended the appointment of Lee Cormany as chief of the fire department, as per the wishes of that department, and the appointment was confirmed by council. Quarterly reports of the city treasurer and recorder were referred to the finance committee.

Ordinances adopting the engineer's survey and report on the opening and extension of Tyler street from Central avenue to St. Johns Heights Addition, and Polk street from Dawson to St. Johns Heights Addition were passed and Messrs. Turkington, McKinney and McKeon appointed as viewers on both streets.

An ordinance assessing the cost of improving Hartman street from Seneca to Myers was also passed. Alderman Hill stated that he had been informed by one of the mail carriers that unless boxes of some kind are provided at the homes of citizens no mail will be left and same will be sent to the general delivery at Portland. This, Mr. Hill believed, was an arbitrary ruling, if true, and he desired that council and the Commercial club take issue against its enforcement. Mayor Muck stated that he would interview Acting Postmaster Williamson in Portland relative to the

**Firemen Make Merry**

The St. Johns Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its annual meeting with an oyster supper in their hall Monday evening. The evening was made merry with feasting, music, speech and story. One of the amusing features was a kangaroo court in which J. F. Cameron was the chief victim. The charges preferred were of a "fierce" nature, and as a penalty he was compelled to deliver a speech and tell a story. Charles Bredson, a former chief, also received the usual fine and made to say a few remarks as a penalty upon fictitious charges. Captain Merino of the dredger, Chinook, was present and entertained the attendants with song and story. The Firemen's Quartet, composed of Messrs. Mackey, King, Mitchell and Thompson, interspersed the evening with vocal renditions. J. E. Mitchell sang a song or two, City Recorder Rice made a speech and told a story, and Councilman Pascal Hill made an address. A number were present from Portland Fire Departments. The feast consisted of oysters, crabs, pickles, olives, pie, sandwiches and coffee. The following officers were elected: Chief, Lee Cormany; first assistant chief, "Balddy" Mackay; second assistant, Roy Knowles; president, Benj. Hoover; secretary, Ross Walker; treasurer, P. G. Gilmore. The city council had accepted an invitation to attend in a body, but disappointed the Firemen by only one putting in an appearance.

**Fathers' Day Observed**

"Father's Day" as inaugurated and established by Mrs. G. M. Hall, Supt. of the Evangelical Sunday school, held its second annual meeting in the Evangelical church on last Sunday at 3:00 P. M. in a fitting way by rendering an appropriate program, planned and prepared by Mrs. Hall. The program was of unusual interest and rendered to a large and appreciative audience. It consisted of special music, by local talent, of which the people of St. Johns may well be proud, and a solo by Miss Wise of Portland; also a ladies' quartet from Woodlawn. These were well received, as the ladies possess no mean talent, and we wish to express our thanks for their assistance. Addresses were made by four of the local pastors—the Reverends Patton, Weisbe, Johnson, and Murphy, and as a man said to me, "they outdid them selves," for every address was appropriate; then there was an address by Rev. Goode of Portland who is now conducting evangelistic meetings at the Evangelical church, which was excellent. An address by Mr. H. Westbrook, a promising young lawyer of Portland. His talk was appropriate and interesting and I am sure the people of St. Johns extend him an open invitation to come again. Then there was a brief but intensely interesting speech by Rev. Kerr, a veteran of the civil war, and retired minister of the Methodist church. While the program was long, there was an interesting look on the faces of the audience to the very close, and I am sure those present would say, long live "Father's Day" which is the desire of Mrs. Hall, in whose mind it was conceived, and who hopes to see the day observed in all of the churches and alongside of the "Mothers' Day."—W. S. Plowman, Reporter.

matter, and have it alleviated if possible. The chairman of the street committee was directed to have temporary sidewalks placed on Fessenden street between Jersey and Smith avenue; also crosswalks on Central avenue at Allegheny and Mohawk streets.

The hardsurfacing of Dawson street has been completed, and has the appearance of a first class and most satisfactory job. The improvement in appearance of this thoroughfare by reason of the hard surface is most amazing and the city has reason to feel quite proud of it. Proceedings for carrying the improvement on through to connect up with Lombard street are well under way in Portland, and it will only be a question of a few months until work will have been started upon construction.

Chickens for sale. 502 Tioga.

**Merry New Year Party**

To watch the old year out and the new year in, a jolly crowd of about thirty gathered at the invitation of Misses Bessie Harding and Oneda Plasket, at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Poff, 203 E. Burlington street, on Tuesday evening. The rooms were beautifully decorated in colors appropriate to the holiday season and a large bunch of mistletoe suspended from the chandelier was the cause of much merriment among the young folks. Suitable games, music, etc., were indulged in until 10:30 when refreshments, consisting of candy and fruit, were served to the guests after which, the fun was continued until the fatal hour of 12 when each guest was served with a glass of delicious sweet cider in which to drink to the health of the newly arrived guest, 1913, after which all departed to their homes with many thanks to their hostesses for having enjoyed the best time of the whole year. Those present were, Bessie Harding, Oneda Plasket, Garnet Beam, Cordelia Cross, Vinal Swan, Gladys Cooper, Eva Edmondson, Luella Edmondson, Beulah Beam, Ruth Smith, Mildred Poff, Lillie Sizemore, Minnie Nolan, Miss Malone, Rachel Schelter, Hattie Schelter, Clyde Thayer, Omar Chambers, Roy Beam, Perc Schelter, Raymond Turrel, Homer Plasket, Evert Buery, Frank Grow, Allen Payne, Lewis Clark, Bert Johnson, Russell Poff, Clyde Malone, Earl Marcy and Valentine Marcy.

**High School Notes**

January the second found the most of us once more in our accustomed places after the freedom of the holiday season. Everybody has made fresh resolutions to apply himself better and to accomplish more than ever before.

Last Saturday was a day that will be long remembered by members of the James John High school. At three o'clock the two basket ball teams of the school, the faculty and a number of the students set sail on the Argosy for St. Helens. A most jolly time was spent on the trip down in expectation of winning and coming back with the joy of victory, and no one was disappointed. All those who went express their appreciation of the way in which St. Helens and its members, the members of both teams being particularly cordial and courteous. The results of the games were gratifying for both were decided victories, the boys winning by a score of 28 to 10, and the girls by 9 to 3. St. Helens proved herself a royal hostess, and we shall be glad to have them visit St. Johns.

The Debaters are busy studying and gathering final material to support their arguments. The choice of the two will make up the affirmative team will be from Basil Smith, Gertrude McCarty and Lowrena Rawson, while the negative team will be drawn from Johnston Cheney, Florence Wass and Edna Hollenbeck.

Our affirmative team will meet the negative team from St. Helens in the High School auditorium January 17th. We hope our loyal towns people will give us a large audience to encourage them. On the same evening our negative team will go to Astoria. Our best wishes for success will also go with them.

Much interest has been aroused among the girls over the organization of the Hiah Klatawa Hiking club. The officers are: President, Florence Wass; secretary-treasurer, Lulu Day. The first hike was taken last Sunday. All who went had a jolly good time. If you don't belong you had better join.

Don't forget to use your Lyceum Course tickets next Wednesday evening. Don't be kept away by the weather for such good things do not often come to St. Johns. Ex-Gov. Hoch of Kansas deserves a large audience. He not only entertains but instructs. Just what will be his theme we cannot say, but he will doubtless give us something of great educational value, for Mr. Hoch has had wide experience, especially in political matters. He is heralded as one of the "silver tongued" orators of America. His only appearance around Portland will be at our High School auditorium. The date, Jan. 15; 8 p. m.—Reporter.

**Entertain the Bachelors**

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson entertained the Bachelor Club at their home on Decatur street last Monday evening. It is a rule in the club, of which Mr. Johnson was a former member, that each member who deserts their ranks to become a Benedict shall pay the penalty in the form of a banquet.

The big monogram, B. C., blazed from the upper window and greeted them as they came up the street. The porch light was also a "B. C." greeting. The house was equally decorated with Christmas colors and the club colors, orange and green, with the big name "Bachelor Club" in tinsel letters against a green background. The punch bowl was installed in the hall, being embedded in Oregon grape and holly and containing nothing that would prevent the boys from having clear heads next day. As soon as they got in each, was given a slip of paper on which the "Matrimonial Shirt Waist" game was printed, and the boys, in having to rack their brains to fill in the blank spaces, learned more about the "Shirtwaist" problem than ever before. Mr. Ed. Byerlee (Foxy) perhaps having made them more of a study than the rest, took first prize, it being a daintily perfumed coat hanger made in the Club colors, and Mr. John Peterson consolation.

After supper the club presented their host and hostess with a double set of silver knives and forks, Dr. J. Vinton Scott making the presentation speech in his usual eloquent and humorous style. After that the Santa Claus bag was opened, all drawing haphazard. Santa was installed in one corner, coming down the chimney, and it was a very pretty effect. Every one was remembered, one receiving a whistle, another a nodding donkey and jumping jack, etc., but they were all shown the game of "Old Maid," corkscrew curls, rat and all, and every one agreed that any Bachelor who would take such a prize should be fined. Dr. Scott was the unlucky one, and after having kangaroo court and discussing the question his fine was to talk for five minutes in favor of and five minutes against matrimony. His speech in years to come will rank with all our nation's oratorical efforts.

Mr. Harry Fassett then entertained with singing one of the songs written by Mrs. Johnson, being dedicated to the Bachelor boys, and was well received. They departed at a late hour, all uniting in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Johnson a long and prosperous wedded life. One of the pleasant features of the evening was the presence of Mrs. Johnson's father, Mr. G. D. Fassett who is at present employed at San Francisco, and who was spending the holidays here, and whose beaming countenance and everlasting youth made him seem one of the "boys."

**Demented, Perhaps**

Beware of giving entrance into your home to any stranger and especially if that stranger is a woman.

For some months some demented person has been masquerading as a woman and through pleas of sickness, etc., gaining the privacy of homes. This happened only recently in this part of the city. The woman addressed readily permitted her to enter out of pity for her condition and went about her work. After perhaps a half hour had passed she became anxious and going to the door, wherein the supposed woman was she knocked. Getting no answer she became frightened and going into the yard called her husband. He knocked and did not receive an answer. Thinking that the woman was perhaps dangerously ill he tried the door and found it unlocked, and told the wife to enter. She opened the door and fell back with a scream. Investigation showed, instead of a woman, a nude man holding in his hand a bottle of chloroform.

Needless to say the masquerader, woman's clothes and all hid the sidewalk at about the same time and since then the brute has not been seen or heard of. But it is well to be on the lookout for this dangerous person.—Peninsula Herald.

Mrs. B. H. Hoover has been attending her sick sister at Lentz.

**The Library**

Open Hours: 1:00 to 5:30 and 7:00 to 9:30 p. m. Sundays: 2:30 to 5:30

The holidays are over. The long stormy evenings are still with us. What about that serious reading which we have always been planning to get to as soon as leisure time offered? But where and how to begin? Some of us know precisely what we want. There is one particular subject or author or book which we have long held in mind for just this opportunity. There are others of us who know only that we want something good, something worth while, and it is easy for such vague intentions, however well meaning, to be sidetracked by the first gray covered "best seller" that stares them in the face. Why not begin on one of the following? This list does not include all of the good books, but it does include some of the best. After each title is a criticism by some well known man or woman:

**CLASSICS.**

Cellini—Autobiography. B759-5 C393. That wonderful book which Goethe translated and which Horace Walpole said was more amusing than any novel—Botta.

Corneille Cid. 808.1 R113. Is one of the grandest modern poems. As beautiful as the "Cid" became a proverb in France.—Parsons.

Dante, Divine Comedy. 851 D192. After holding converse with such grandeur, our lives can never be so small again.—Wichstead.

The voice of ten silent centuries.—Dean Farrier. Darwin—Origin of the species. 575 D228. The Scholar and the fribble, the divine and the school girl, still talk and argue and wrangle over Darwin and the Origin of species.—Justin McCarthy.

Epictetus—188 E64g. Words of high spiritual uplift which become the treasures of the world, even today exercising a calming and healing power in the midst of the nerve racking life of modern civilization.—Kuhns.

Froissart, Chronicles. 940.4 F929. The chronicles of Froissart is among the books which have received the fullest share of honor of all kinds, without any grudging voice being raised against their triumph.—Ker.

Gibbon, Decline and Fall. 937 G439. Were I condemned to spend a year upon a desert island and allowed only one book for my companion, it is certainly that which I should chose.—Conan Doyle.

Goethe—Faust. 832 G599. "Faust is incommensurable, there is nothing like it anywhere."

Hakluyt—Voyages. 910.8 H156. We can conceive nothing, not the songs of Homer himself, which should be read with more enthusiastic interest than those plain massive tales of the exploits of great men.—Froude.

Hugo—Les Miserables. H895-m. A vast invention, beautiful, incredible, sublime, absurd, absorbing in its interest, a nightmare in its tedium.—Dowden.

Kinglake—Eothen. 915.6 K54. Once in my girlhood I caught the words of one friend to another, "What do you consider the most brilliant book of the last half century?" And the answer was Eothen.—Margaret Oliphant.

LaFontaine—Fables. 841 L166. The prince of fabulists. There are few authors in France more popular, nor so much the familiar genius of every fireside.—Botta.

Landor—Pericles and Aspasia. 828 L261. It is as clear as noonday; a book for thinkers but a book for lovers also, and should be as immortal as the currents which flow between young hearts.—Stedman.

LeSage—Gil Blas 1622a. The public rightly judges the work of art by the criterion of pleasure which it is capable of giving. By that standard Gil Blas was long ago classed among the delightful books of the world.—Fullerton.

Marcus Aurelius—Meditations. 188 A927m. A book that is full of deep, pure beauty and philosophy. One of the sweetest influences that can be brought into life and one of Canon Farrer's twelve favorites out of all literature.—Parsons.

Montaigne—Essays. 844 M761e. The world would rather lose the records of a nation than lose this autobiography.—Temple Scott.

Montesquieu—Spirit of laws. Satisfaction, is the word—Gilmore, the Barber.